

**JOINT MEETING
CHILD SAFETY AND SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARDS
JUNE 6, 2005**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. Present were Chair Alice Harrington, Vice-Chair John Pisula (arrived 7:10 p.m.), Richard Colgan, Marcy Fallahzadeh, Mike Holderfield, Marlon Luis, Margie Maine and Barbara Ann Tilley. Also in attendance were Lieutenant Greg Mize (arrived 7:15 p.m.), Sergeant John Nasta (arrived 7:20 p.m.), Jerry Starkey, and Secretary Nina Valdez recording the meeting. Lisa Mustelier, Rebecca Orlando, and Kimberly Sereda were absent.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 Task Force Report to Council

Ms. Tilley spoke about the Task Force Report that she had presented to the Town council on Wednesday, June 1st, 2005. Ms. Tilley advised that after reading the report, the Town Councilmembers had no comments.

Ms. Frost spoke about the memo that was distributed to Boardmembers regarding the radKIDS Safety Hints. She also advised that the information was given to the Athletic Division Coordinator Mark Dornacker for distribution to the Sportsmanship Clinic and the summer camp programs.

Chair Harrington explained to the new Boardmember, Mr. Holderfield that the Task Force came about after the May 18, 2005, reading of the Ordinance that went before Town Council regarding the 2,500 foot rule for sex offenders and predators. She referred to her June 1, 2005, Town Council Report for short and long term goals. Chair Harrington spoke about how the Task Force was asked by Council to put together activities to support the Ordinance, and prepare for a safe summer for the Town's camp and school programs.

Mr. Colgan voiced his concerns about an offender who lived across the street from him and inquired about how the new 2,500 foot rule versus the old 1,000 foot rule would affect already convicted sex offenders/predators. Lieutenant Mize advised that Detective Bureau Sergeant Nasta was working with the Town Councilmembers on drafting the 2,500 foot boundaries of all the parks, schools, and playgrounds within the Town. He explained that once the boundary maps were finished and the Ordinance took effect, further information would emerge about the rules.

Mr. Luis inquired about what would happen to an offender/predator who violated the 1,000 or 2,500 foot rule. Lieutenant Mize explained that the offender/predator would have to complete their jail term for the original charge.

Further discussion ensued pertaining to the necessity of keeping the schools, teachers, parents, and principals informed about sexual offenders/predators.

Chair Harrington asked the Boardmembers if they had any changes or additions to the Task Force Report. None were recommended.

Ms. Zane spoke about the Jimmy Ryce Center WEB site (<http://www.jimmyryce.org>). She felt that the free Bloodhounds program would be of interest to the Town. Ms. Zane asked Lieutenant Mize for his opinion on this. He felt it was a great program, but explained that Bloodhounds were not the first choice for tracking. Lieutenant Mize spoke about the K-9s (German Shepherds) that the Police Department used and how they were trained for tracking.

Ms. Zane spoke more about the Jimmy Ryce WEB site and said that it offered media attention to parents of missing or abducted children and counseling. She spoke about the Jimmy Ryce program called GEMS, an acronym for Great Escape Maneuvers for children of all ages

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(<http://jimmyryce.org/Redesign/Prevention/Gems.html>). Ms. Zane inquired about a past program called Block Parents and wanted to know if it was still in existence or could it be reinstituted. Ms. Maine believed that Block Parents was a program through Crime Watch (<http://www.daviepolice.com/form/crimewatch.shtml>), and suggested that Davie Police Officer Tiffany Richards may be able to provide information about it.

Sergeant Nasta spoke to Mr. Colgan about the 2,500 foot rule and explained that the Town Ordinance would not apply to current offenders and predators that were living in the Town. Mr. Colgan inquired about an offender/predator being able to visit parks or schools. Sergeant Nasta responded that it would be a probation rule and that the Probation Department would have to uphold it. He also stated that a law could not be applied to someone who had already committed their crime. Sergeant Nasta advised that the offenders/predators that lived in Davie and who were registered are monitored through the Detective Bureau. He also explained that once an offender/predator completed their probation, after 20 years they would be able to petition the court to remove their status, but otherwise it was for life. When a predator moved into the area, the State would notify the Police Department and the detectives would notify every school and daycare center located within a mile and a half radius of their business. Residents within a three block area are notified by flyers. When an offender, as opposed to a predator moved into the area, the State would not require notification to residents. Concerned residents can monitor the FDLE WEB site (WWW3.fdle.state.fl.us) to print and post the flyers anywhere that would be legal. They could be distributed to neighbors, you could not post them on telephone poles or use them to harass. You could not alter the flyer in any way. Sergeant Nasta stated that the sexual predator pictures were updated from the Driver's License Bureau, each time their license was renewed.

2.2 Action Plan Update

Vice-Chair Pisula updated the Boardmembers on the two training sessions that were set up for parents and camp counselors. The parents' program was cancelled and would be rescheduled, but approximately 40 camp counselors attended and Sergeant Nasta gave a very impressive presentation on the Florida Sexual Predator Registration Act and the Police Department's policies. Vice-Chair Pisula also stated that he had spoken to the Recreation Coordinator Bette Gibson who agreed to help distribute information to parents about the training sessions. He also advised that it was not a program for young children, but it was to teenagers and adults.

Ms. Frost discussed the Child Safety Board's involvement with Town events and stated that they always had a booth that distributed information. She advised that they needed more volunteers to help with the booth.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Davie Update Article

Chair Harrington advised that the deadline for the Davie Update would be June 15, 2005. Ms. Frost stated that she had typed the Top 10 radKIDS Safety Hints and had forwarded it to Councilmember Susan Starkey to be submitted to the Davie Update and for placement on the Davie WEB page.

Mr. Holderfield commented that all of the information was very useful, but thought that the parents of children should take more responsibility and not expect the police to solve all of their problems. Ms. Frost explained why that was one important reason that they wanted the tips to be published, to help the parents reinforce the safety issues with their children. She then read the 10 tips to the Boardmembers.

Mr. Luis suggested that the radKIDS Safety program should be explained in the Davie Update.

Ms. Frost stated that there was not enough trained officers for the radKIDS Safety Program due to the lack of funding. She advised that cost for training was \$400.00 per instructor. Ms. Frost stated that

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there were only three trained officers, and radKIDS had a waiting list of 80 students. She explained that in addition to instructors, trained aggressors were also needed.

Mr. Luis inquired if Councilmembers would provide funding for the program. Ms. Frost responded that it was a possibility, and stated that the radKIDS WEB site encouraged sponsorship from area businesses and organizations and that could be another possibility for funding.

Ms. Frost advised that for security reasons, if civilians were interested in becoming a trainer or aggressor they would have to seek permission from Police Chief John George.

Ms. Frost spoke about the program and stated that there were two age divisions one was for five to seven year olds and the other was eight to twelve year olds. She stated that the class sizes would range from 15 to 20 students and classes would last for five weeks.

Mr. Colgan suggested that the 10 tips be given to the schools for distribution to the parents at the beginning and end of the school year. Ms. Frost responded that it was one of their long term goals to get the tips to the schools in August or September for distribution. She also commented Officer Richards on all of her help and enthusiasm about the radKIDS program.

Ms. Maine inquired about whether the Town would help fund the radKIDS program. Ms. Tilley responded that she believed that the Police Department may be able to ask for their in their budget. Chair Harrington advised that she would follow-up with Councilmember Starkey on the budget matter.

Mr. Luis advised the Board that he had contacted Dr. Jan Faust, Ph.D. from Nova University and she offered to speak at an upcoming Board meeting. He stated that her expertise is in pediatric psychology.

Ms. Maine advised the Board that she had contacted Bob Barnes and was waiting to hear back from him.

Chair Harrington finalized the article that would be submitted to the Davie Update by including additional WEB site information for child safety issues.

4. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

There were no comments and/or suggestions.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair/Board Member